Foreign Tours of VIPs

£2583. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to curtail foreign tours of VIPs as reported in Indian Express dated 4-7-1990; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what was the expenditure incurred by different Ministries on foreign tours of VIPs during the last three years; and

(c) what are the specific areas for which foreign tours will be permitted under the new guidelines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Instructions have been issued that expenditure on foreign travel in various Ministries/ Departments should be limited to 75 per cent of the actual expenditure in 1989-90 or the current year's budget provision, whichever is less.

(b) This information is not centrally available and will have to be collected from the different Ministries/ Departments of the Govt. of India. Collection of this information will involve considerable time and labour and it is felt that the result to be achieved may not be commensurate with the effort involved in collecting the information.

(c) Foreign tours are being allowed only when these are unavoidable.

Supply of tax audit reports to Trade Unions

ff2584. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to supply the copy of the tax audit report of the joint stock companies to the recognised trade union of the enterprise for rationally solving the wage bargains;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to lay the Tax Audit Reports of the joint stock companies on the Table of the House?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

Execution of Upper Indravati and Upper Kolab Irrigation Products

2585. SHRI KANHU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken any decision to expedite the execution work of Upper Indravati and Upper Kolab Irrigation Projects;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard so far; and

(c) by when the construction work of these two projects is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c) To obviate the financial constraints and to expedite the execution, external assistance has been arranged for Upper Indravati and Upper Kolab Irrigation Projects. Both the projects are scheduled for completion in 1995.

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